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Workplace fatalities hit 30-year high

The Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board reported on Tuesday that 60 people died in work-related incidents in 2012. The construction industry saw the highest number of fatalities with 14 deaths. JEFF MACKEY/METRO IN REGINA

60 deaths in 2012. Province's labour minister says focus of tougher legislation is construction industry

ALYSSA MCDONALD
Metro in Regina

Despite the rate of workplace injuries dropping in Saskatchewan, the number of workers killed on the job in the province has reached a 30-year high.

The Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) reported on Tuesday that there were 60 workplace deaths last year, almost double the number of fatalities in 2011.

"Our initial reaction is one of just pure disappointment," said Phillip Germain, vice-president of prevention and employer services with WCB.

"At the end of the day, it is unacceptable.... We truly believe injuries and fatalities are both predictable and preventable."

Of those deaths, construction-related tragedies — 14 of them last year — contributed to the most industry claims. As well, 11 of the deaths are described as "traumatic," meaning a sudden fatality due to a fall, being crushed or being struck by something.

Don Morgan, minister responsible for labour relations and workplace safety, said the province is ramping up enforcement with new labour legislation that will bring stiffer penalties, including higher fines and prosecution, for insufficient fall protection.

"We know the areas that we want to focus on is construction areas," said Morgan. "Falls, ditches and the type of things (that result) in traumatic injuries."

Youth deaths on the job significantly increased from none to five in the past two years, all of which were due to motor-vehicle crashes. Ten adults were injured in vehicle accidents at work.

Morgan said the government is looking at ways to decrease all vehicle accidents. He noted the government can't prevent some deaths, including heart attacks, which claimed 15 lives on the job, or fatalities caused by occupational disease — such as past exposure to asbestos — that led to 19 deaths in 2012.

During the next couple of years, WCB said it is expecting a high number of deaths related to past asbestos exposure.

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Sask. doubling Habitat for Humanity investment

Community building. Organization says they are quadrupling number of houses they were building 10 years ago

ALYSSA MCDONALD
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Saskatchewan Habitat for Humanity is getting a boost in funding for the next year, giving 40 families the opportunity to own a home.

The non-profit will receive $2 million in funding from the province — twice the support it received last year and one of the organization's biggest percentage increases across Canada.

"When we have a chance for people to be involved personally and to be able to put not just their money but their heart and hands to work, it gives you a feeling of community.... It's about who we are as a province," said June Draude, minister of social services.

Of the lump sum, $50,000 will go to each home being built and contribute overall to 40 homes across the province.

The other $100,000 in funding comes from organization and group support, including from RCMP and participants of 100K in 100 Days.

All families receiving a Habitat home must also put 500 hours into building them.

"We get a chance to see people fight hard to be on the list and then work even harder to build a house," said Draude.

Prior to five years ago, the organization was building one to eight homes a year — just 41 over 12 years.

Habitat for Humanity Canada said Saskatchewan is quadrupling the number of homes they were building 10 years ago, and over the past four years have built 73 homes across the province.

Saskatchewan Housing Corporation is giving an additional $600,000 to Habitat so the organization can purchase land in Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon.

Social service

"It gives you a feeling of community.... It's about who we are as a province."

Minister of Social Services June Draude on the positive impact that Habitat for Humanity has had on Saskatchewan communities

June Draude, minister of social services, spoke with media on Tuesday after announcing that the Saskatchewan government will double its funding for Habitat for Humanity. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Will weather put a damper on Junos jam?

A Juno stage is raised in City Square Plaza in Regina on Tuesday. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

Nothing spoils a party quite like bad weather.

In less than two weeks, the Juno Awards will have Regina playing host to many of Canada's top music celebrities and recording-industry brass.

But when the country's eyes turn to the Queen city, what will they see?

This past winter in Regina has been virtually unprecedented. The city has broken decades-old snowfall records; it broke a low-temperature record on Tuesday. The province is forecasting a possible record-setting spring runoff.

The Junos host committee isn't worried that the cold and snow will deter people from attending the big show or the Juno Week of events preceding it — some of which are outdoors.

"Saskatchewan music fans are a hearty bunch," said Randy Jeworski, chairman of the Junos committee for venues and logistics. "People are brave, looking to get outside, and all we need is plus 1 C or 2 C and I am sure they will be out in masses."

JEFF MACKEY/METRO IN REGINA

Academic recognition

Sask. Christian school to grant bachelor degrees

A private Christian post-secondary institute in southwestern Saskatchewan will soon be allowed to grant a bachelor of arts degree in the humanities.

Premier Brad Wall says Briercrest College and Seminary in Caronport, just west of Moose Jaw, is being recognized for its academic excellence.

The universities of Saskatchewan and Regina have been the only post-secondary schools allowed to grant degrees, other than theological degrees.

Briercrest's authorization is effective in July.

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Stabbing of son

Attempted murder suspect out on $20k bail

A 32-year-old woman accused of stabbing her six-year old son made bail on a $20,000 recognizance on Tuesday afternoon.

The woman, who is now under 24-hour house arrest, will have to live with her father and adhere to a set of conditions, including a no-contact order with the two young victims or their father.

She was charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault on March 28, after a custody issue involving two boys, aged six and 10, brought the Saskatoon Police Service to her home, located in the 400 block of 9th Street East. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

$4,000 grant

Saskatoon to get a little greener

TD Canada Trust Friends of the Environment Foundation and Tree Canada have announced that Saskatoon has been awarded with a grant for their dedication to improving and expanding their community green spaces. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Crime ring. Alleged teen pimps documented crimes in photos: Crown

Sexually explicit photos of teenage girls — one as young as 13 — were described in detail in an Ottawa courtroom Tuesday as a trial into an alleged teen-prostitution ring entered its second day.

The photos, retrieved from a cellphone found on one of the three accused, show 10 girls ranging in age from 13 to 18 in compromising positions. One girl appeared to be stripped of her clothing, passed out in a bathtub.

According to Crown lawyers, some photos were sent to prospective johns. Four girls were allegedly pimped out and forced into sex. Three were minors at the time.

Three teen girls are facing charges of human trafficking, forcible confinement, assault, robbery and uttering threats to one complainant, stemming from May 2012 events.

ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO IN OTTAWA

Road safety. Ontario truck maker says it will install side guards

New Democrat MP Olivia Chow says Canada is a step closer to safer roads after Ontario truck manufacturer Shu-Pak Equipment Inc. agreed to put side guards on all its new vehicles. But she says it's still not enough.

The NDP transportation critic has renewed her calls for the federal government to implement a private member's bill she introduced in the House of Commons to make side guards mandatory on heavy trucks in Canada.

It follows the deaths of several cyclists who died beneath the wheels of big trucks in Toronto and elsewhere.

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Deported killer

Alberta botched case: Lawyer

The lawyer for a woman ordered deported after serving time for drowning her children says Alberta's attorney general bungled the file. Peter Royal says Jonathan Denis knew for almost six months that Allyson McConnell was going to be sent back to her native Australia when her sentence expired last week.

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Acid attack

Accused in assault wants trial moved

A man charged with attacking his then-girlfriend with acid wants his trial to be held somewhere other than the suburban Montreal courthouse where his case is being heard.

A lawyer for Nikolas Stefanatos says she intends to file a motion asking for the legal proceedings to be moved from Longueuil.

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Occupy for EI

Protesters occupy a Service Canada office to denounce employment insurance reforms Tuesday in Montreal. RYAN REMIORZ/CANADIAN PRESS

'They turned against her': Dead teen's mother

Leah Parsons holds some photos of her daughter Rehtaeh at her home in Cole Harbour, N.S., on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Bullying victim. Rehtaeh Parsons, 17, killed herself after months of abuse

HALEY RYAN
Metro in Halifax

Sitting on the couch in her living room, Leah Parsons gathered a blanket around her legs and looked around at the photos of her daughter lining the walls.

"Rehtaeh's everywhere here," Parsons said with a sad smile.

Rehtaeh Parsons, 17, died in hospital Sunday, several days after hanging herself following months of bullying and victimization stemming from a fall night in 2011 when her mother says she was raped by four boys.

"She was a very busy, headstrong girl," Parsons said in the Cole Harbour, N.S., home she shares with her partner, Jason, and where Rehtaeh grew up.

In her younger years, Parsons said, Rehtaeh was a straight-A student who couldn't get enough of books and learning, and wanted to be a marine activist.

On that November night two years ago, Parsons said, Rehtaeh had been at a friend's house when the alleged assault occurred. Her daughter remembered being led upstairs by one of the boys, but not much else after that, until she heard the click of a photo being taken.

Rehtaeh Parsons

A few days later, one of the boys sent out the photo via text, and when Rehtaeh walked into Cole Harbour District High School she was called a slut.

"She never could go back to that school again," Parsons said. "They turned against her."

They reported the alleged sexual assault to police, but charges were never laid and the investigation took about a year to complete.

"It could have been handled a lot differently," Parsons said.

Court reduces sentences of two torturers

Ontario's top court has lowered the sentences of a Hamilton couple who held a developmentally disabled man captive and tortured him while draining his bank account to buy drugs and video-game equipment.

Dakota Thompson and Stanley Brown were part of a group convicted of aggravated assault and forcible confinement for inflicting horrific injuries on a 23-year-old disabled man over more than two weeks in 2009.

Brown was originally sentenced to 13 years — nearly double the sentence the defence and Crown had jointly suggested — and Thompson was sentenced to 10 years, which was also far more than the Crown had recommended.

The Appeal Court sentenced Brown to serve seven years and two months and Thompson to six years and eight months. With credit for pre-trial custody and the time they have already served in prison, they would be eligible to apply for parole in about a year.

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Disabled man

Thompson, Brown, their roommate and a youth lured the victim to their apartment by telling him they were going to help him look for a missing cellphone.

First Nations gain foothold in schools

Canada, Ontario and a large group of northern First Nations have signed a joint plan to give the communities a larger say in the schooling of about 7,000 students.

It's the first tripartite agreement with Ontario, and is based on similar agreements that have worked well in other provinces.

The memorandum of understanding is with the Nishnawbe Aski Nation, an organization that represents 49 First Nations communities across northern Ontario, many of them isolated and struggling with poverty and addiction.

The memo commits governments and First Nations to improving education so that it is on par with the rest of the province.

First Nations teachers, support staff and parents will have more input in curriculum and a larger presence in schools.

The federal government's education agenda has not been universally well received.

Widespread protest has greeted the Conservative plan for legislation next year that would give First Nations more control over education through school-board type arrangements.

The protesters say the government is being too prescriptive and heavy-handed, while ignoring the need for funding they say is necessary to set First Nations schools on an equal footing with provincial schools.

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Equal right to education

"We need education, not legislation, through fair and adequate funding that will ensure that First Nation students receive a quality education on par with students across Canada." Deputy Grand Chief Goyce Kakegamic

Suspect fantasized about stabbing people: Police

Texas violence.
At least 14 injured as man stalked from building to building

A 20-year-old student went on a mass stabbing assault at a Texas community college Tuesday, wounding at least 14 people — many in the face and neck — before being subdued and arrested, authorities said Tuesday.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office said in a statement that Dylan Quick had been planning the attack at the Lone Star College System's campus in Cypress for some time and had fantasies of stabbing people to death since he was in elementary school.

Quick, who was charged with three counts of aggravated assault, used a razor-type knife, and pieces of the blade were found in at least one victim, the sheriff's office said. The handle was discovered in a backpack that Quick was carrying when he was arrested.

Michelle Alvarez, a student at Lone Star Community College System, was one of the people attacked on Tuesday. JAMES NIELSEN, HOUSTON CHRONICLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The attack at about 11:20 a.m. sent at least 12 people to hospital, while several others refused treatment at the scene, according to Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department spokesman Robert Rasa.

Two people remained in critical condition Tuesday evening at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, spokeswoman Alex Rodriguez said.

Victim

"He came running and swinging at my neck as I tried to get out of the way."

Student Michelle Alvarez, to the Houston Chronicle.

Diante Cotton, 20, said he was sitting in a cafeteria with some friends when a girl clutching her neck walked in, yelling, "He's stabbing people! He's stabbing people!"

Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia said there were indications when calls came in to the department that "students or faculty were actively responding to work to subdue this individual."

"So we're proud of those folks but we're glad no one else is injured any more severely than they are," Garcia said.

Student Michael Chalfan said a stun gun was used to subdue the man. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Serbia. Gunman kills 13 in their beds, at doorsteps

He went from house to house in the village at dawn, gunning down his mother, his son, a two-year-old cousin and 10 other neighbours. Residents said if a police patrol car hadn't shown up, they all would have been dead.

Police said they had no motive yet for the carnage that left six men, six women and a child dead Tuesday in Velika Ivanca, a Serbian village 50 kilometres southeast of Belgrade.

"Most of the victims were shot while they were asleep," Serbian police chief Milorad Veljovic told reporters.

After the rampage, police said suspect Ljubisa Bogdanovic, 60, turned his gun on himself and his wife as authorities closed in. Both were in grave condition at hospital.

"He knocked on the doors, and as they were opened he just fired a shot," said villager Radovan Radosavljevic. "He was a good neighbour, and anyone would open their doors to him."

The suspect's older brother Radmilo was unable to explain why the massacre happened.

"As a child, he was a frightened little boy," he said. "He couldn't even slaughter a chicken."

But he said his brother changed after fighting in a brutal Serb-led offensive against the Croatian town of Vukovar in 1992.

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Serbia awash in guns

The wars from 1991 to 1999 as Yugoslavia broke up left much of the region traumatized and heavily armed.

- Weapons owned by civilians have caused fatalities every week, as traumatized former soldiers shoot family or commit suicide or kids find guns at home.
- Serbia has about three million weapons owned by civilians, according to the Small Arms Survey, a Swiss NGO. It says Serbia has the fifth-highest number of weapons per capita in the world, with some 38 guns for every 100 people.

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Margaret Thatcher — divisive even in death

Graffiti adorns a wall in west Belfast, Northern Ireland, on Tuesday. While some Britons mourned the death of former prime minister Margaret Thatcher, others raised glasses of champagne at impromptu street parties. And the song Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead from The Wizard of Oz is surging up the U.K. singles charts. Thatcher was an unusually divisive figure blamed by many for crippling Britain's labour unions and sabotaging workers' rights. South Africans also passionately debated whether Thatcher helped or hindered the cruel system of white rule. Many leaders, however, were quick to share their praise and admiration for Thatcher — Stephen Harper will attend her funeral, scheduled for April 17 in London, as will Queen Elizabeth.

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Coverup: New hospital gown minds the gap

Detroit. Redesigned robe is thicker, more stylish and less breezy

A U.S. hospital has a new patient gown that aims to offer a little more style, comfort and rear coverage for patients.

Resembling a wrap-around robe, the gown closes in the back and front and is made of a thicker, cotton and polyester blend to keep patients warmer. It's being used on several in-patient floors at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich.

The gown was developed by the Henry Ford Innovation Institute in collaboration with the College for Creative Studies in Detroit.

A new patient gown being used at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit is designed with patient comfort in mind. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"A simple change can have a large impact on the patients' stay at a hospital. By creating a hospital gown that is safe, stylish and comfortable, we've made the patient feel more at home, like they're wearing their own garments," said Michael Forbes, a product designer at the institute. Officials hope to license the design to a manufacturer.

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Dampening the draft

"Our No. 1 goal was to close the backside of the gown with our design."

Michael Forbes, product designer at the Henry Ford Innovation Institute

Smartphones. Carriers begin presales for new BlackBerry with keypad

Loyal Canadian BlackBerry users who refuse to give up their keypad will finally have a chance to upgrade to a newer version starting this week.

A number of retailers and wireless carriers across the country began accepting presales for the BlackBerry Q10 physical keypad smartphone on Tuesday. The device is expected to arrive in stores by the end of the month. The new model, which sports both a keypad and a touchscreen, has been highly anticipated by some longtime BlackBerry fans.

Both Rogers Communications and Telus say presales are underway for the device, but neither would provide a date for when the Q10 would be available. Bell will begin preorders on April 19, the company said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The new BlackBerry Q10 sports a physical keypad.

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Real estate

First-time home buyers expect to spend $300K, survey shows

According to the BMO First-Time Home Buyer's Report, the average amount Canadians planning to buy their first home in the next five years plan to spend is approximately $300,000, with an average down payment amount of $48,000.

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Television

Strombo headed to CNN for summer

CBC-TV talk-show host George Stroumboulopoulos will helm a weekly hour-long interview show on CNN this summer. The 10-episode series will be shot in Los Angeles in front of a live audience and air Fridays in prime time. It begins May 31. He'll return to CBC-TV's George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight in the fall.

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Stern message for Beijing

U.S. Undersecretary of State for Economic Growth Robert Hormats speaks at the sixth U.S.-China Internet Industry forum in Beijing on Tuesday. Hacking originating in China is undermining that country's relationship with the U.S. and harms Beijing's long-term interests, Hormats said, in what was the latest high-level public expression of concern over a problem that has prompted threats of commercial retaliation from Washington. He urged China to take firm action against hacking. NG HAN GUAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.K. LulzSec hacker pleads guilty to Sony, NHS attacks

A British computer hacker affiliated with the group Lulz Security pleaded guilty on Tuesday to cyber-attacks on institutions including Sony, Britain's National Health Service and Rupert Murdoch's News International.

Ryan Ackroyd admitted one count of carrying out an unauthorized act to impair the operation of a computer.

Prosecutors say the 26-year-old accessed websites belonging to Sony, 20th Century Fox, the NHS, Nintendo, the Arizona State Police and News International between February and September 2011. He will be sentenced May 14 at Southwark Crown Court in London. Other charges against him are being dropped.

LulzSec, whose name draws on Internet-speak for "laugh out loud," shot to prominence in mid-2011 with an eye-catching attack on U.S. television network PBS.

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JUST SAYIN'

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We are not alone.

We just haven't noticed yet.

That's one conclusion you could draw from the latest breathless alien disclosure.

The so-called "Atacama Humanoid" is so called because it was allegedly found in the Atacama Desert of Chile, and is only six inches tall. Talk about your "little" green man. Easy to overlook.

A full closeup is promised on April 22 when a "documentary" called Sirius premieres in Hollywood.

There's the first clue.

In the trailer, Atacama Humanoid is featured at his (her?) own autopsy, along with a lot of the usual stuff about how the presence of aliens and their cool technology on Earth has been suppressed by the oil industry, large corporations and financial interests, blah, blah. Why is it these guys always suppress cool technologies but somehow adopt loser technologies like electric cars, solar power and wind? (Elementary, my dear Watson. Precisely because they don't work.)

The trailer for Sirius is causing a fair amount of fringe-media fuss because of the autopsy scenes and an X-ray of Atacama Humanoid, which reveals an anatomically plausible skeleton. In the autopsy shot, it appears that someone is extracting Atacama's brain from the back of his tiny skull. Either that or it's a note that says, "Fooled you again, sucker."

The man behind these shenanigans, er, proceedings is Dr. Steven Greer, a former-emergency room medical doctor, who claims to have attracted the highest ever amount of crowd-sourced funds for a documentary (see "sucker" above). ER goes ET.

Dr. Greer is the self-declared world's leading authority on extraterrestrials, and has founded more centres and projects than you can shake a stick at. There's another clue: Real scientists don't need to create their own centres and projects. That's what universities are for.

Sadly, even though we're doomed to be disappointed — ah-gain — the Internet is abuzz with a desperate hope that this time, ET really has come to call. I mean, this guy Greer is a real doctor, so he says, and the former chairman of a real emergency department in North Carolina.

But this is hardly his first "disclosure." He's been disclosing the truth about aliens since at least 1993. Funny — until now nobody has paid any attention.

Maybe Dr. Greer is a victim of Short Alien Syndrome. It's hard to take seriously an alien autopsy performed with tweezers.

Remember, too, that this is not the first alien autopsy; that was the aptly titled 1995 faux broadcast Alien Autopsy: (Fact or Fiction?) It turned out to be the latter. At least that fake alien was bigger than a breadbox.

So, fellow ET buffs, be prepared to have your faith shattered, yet again. I fear we're the victims of an Earth-bound conspiracy: nasty, brutish ... and short.

ZOOM

How come you're the big spoon?

CYRIL RUOSO/MINDEN/SOLENT

Frog's romantic hug in icy waters

These frogs aren't fazed by the freezing temperatures as they take a quick dip in a frozen pond. The brave amphibians hold on to each other as they glide through the lakes near some snowy mountains.

Photographer Cyril Ruoso was delighted when he shot this unique moment in the Massif de Beaufort in the French Alps. **METRO**

Q and A

Camera whores

CYRIL RUOSO
Wildlife photographer, 43, from France

How did you manage to take this striking photograph?
I used a specific homemade floating perch for the camera to rest on, and a remote-control transmission linked to the camera in a water housing. It's not exactly the most standard of equipment but it worked. It seems a very tricky shot to take, with the frogs normally being averse to such frigid conditions.

What were the challenges?
They seemed to be fascinated with the shiny dome of the camera lens. Every time they came into contact with it, I had to clean the glass and wait all over again for the frogs to be in the right spot.
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Piggyback ride

- **Amplexus:** Frogs' mating position, with the smaller male clasping the female from behind in a ride that can last two days or more.
- **Fertilization.** This happens outside of the female's body. Right after the eggs have been released, the male expels sperm to fertilize them.

Clickbait

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After millions of tickets sold, Brooklyn-based BY Experience's novel idea to show live opera in movie theatres has paid off. Now they're hoping to follow up on that success with big-screen VIP tours of famous museums. But you can get a jump on them with virtual tours on your own small screen.

The Frick Collection

One of the first museums to host virtual tours, the Frick's is also the best. Start in the opulent room of your choosing, and click your way through an endless collection of masterworks while learning the collection's history. (frick.org)

Frost Art Museum

Florida International University's many galleries make their rotating exhibits — including the work of graduating MFAs — freely available to peruse in beautiful full screen. (thefrost.fiu.edu)

Creation Museum

Kentucky's contentious shrine to intelligent design is strangely fascinating, which is why we're lucky they've allowed us all to wander their halls from home. (creationmuseum.org)

Letters

RE: Snap, Send, See it Disappear, published April 9

I can't help but laugh at the stupidity of this app. If a person wants to keep an image using this software it's as easy as the click of two buttons. Screen capture apps kind of make Snapchat useless, would you not agree?
Jason Harris, Toronto

Twitter

@metropicks asked:

Former President Bill Clinton has joined Twitter. What would you like him to tweet about?

@whitestardiner: how do u remove pesky dress stains?

@theuntoldcity: I did not have twitter relations with that woman...

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After several Robinson strikeouts, 42 is still swinging for the fences

New movie. The latest Jackie Robinson movie looks at how one executive helped the famed ball player break colour barriers

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Chadwick Boseman stars as Jackie Robinson in 42, the latest tribute to the famed baseball player. HANDOUT

Each year on April 15 Major League Baseball pays tribute to Jackie Robinson.

The second baseman is remembered not only as a veteran of six World Series, the recipient of the inaugural MLB Rookie of the Year Award in 1947 and an inductee into the Baseball Hall of Fame but especially as the first African American man to play in Major League Baseball in the modern era.

His accomplishments are many. He was the first black player to win the National League Most Valuable Player Award and was awarded both the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal.

Long story short...

The film focuses on Robinson's (Chadwick Boseman) relationship with Branch Rickey, played by Harrison Ford, the MLB executive who facilitated the player's signing to the ball team.

In tribute, every April 15, the date the Brooklyn Dodgers started Robinson at first base, all uniformed personnel at 15 different ballparks wear Jackie's retired number 42.

This weekend a tribute of another kind comes to theatres. The movie 42 details the Hall of Famer's history-making breaking of the colour barrier in professional baseball. The film focuses on Robinson's (Chadwick Boseman) relationship with Branch Rickey, played by Harrison Ford, the MLB executive who facilitated the player's signing to the ball team.

The story is custom-made for the movies. Spike Lee tried unsuccessfully to get a biopic of Robinson, starring Denzel Washington, off the ground in 1995, but others have had better luck.

Robinson portrayed himself in The Jackie Robinson Story. Filmed over the winter of 1949, during the off-season from the Brooklyn Dodgers, the film earned good reviews at the time, with the New York Times saying, "Mr. Robinson displays a calm assurance and composure that might be envied by many a Hollywood star."

Despite his acclaimed performance, he never made another film.

Since then he has been the subject of a variety of projects.

A 1978 ABC after-school special called A Home Run for Love used the player — portrayed by John Lafayette — as the heart of a tale about friendship and racial tolerance.

The First was a short-lived Broadway musical starring David Alan Grier as Robinson, and both Andre Braugher and Blair Underwood have played him in television dramas.

Back on the big screen Robinson was played by Keith David in Blue in the Face, an improvised love letter to Brooklyn featuring celebrity cameos by everyone from Harvey Keitel and Lily Tomlin to Madonna and Lou Reed. In a cameo we see Robinson from behind as he talks about breaking the colour barrier in baseball.

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Bynes vs. the press: Round 2

Amanda Bynes takes issue with Page Six's story earlier this week that her erratic behaviour during a gymnastics class got her booted. "I'm suing every blog saying I was kicked out of gymnastics," Bynes posted on Twitter. "What is wrong with you people? What would you do if you found fake stories about you?" Also, to make good on her earlier request that online outlets only use photos from her Twitter account and not unflattering paparazzi shots when reporting on her, Bynes posted a slew of photos from the last few years to Twitter, noting which ones are her favourites.

Twitter

@AmandaBynes
I'm suing In Touch for writing another fake story with terrible photographs.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

A-Team sues over trademark infringement

Liam Neeson and Bradley Cooper are suing a pair of companies for allegedly using photos of the A-Team co-stars in advertisements without their permission, according to court documents procured by E! News.

Neeson and Cooper claim Vutec Corporations and First Impressions Theme Theaters are guilty of trademark infringement, negligence and violating their rights of privacy and publicity for using their images in print and online ads and in other promotional materials.

The suit was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court. The actors are seeking damages and attorney fees.

Bradley Cooper and Liam Neeson

The Word

Chris Brown and Rihanna call it quits, probably

The soap opera between Chris Brown and Rihanna continues: The on-again, off-again couple with the rocky past has reportedly called it quits, according to E! News.

While Brown has been spotted in New York entertaining a mystery blond, Rihanna has been finishing up her latest international tour and spending time in L.A. between gigs, but sources say there's no new man in her life and that she's shifting her focus off her love life and onto planning future tours and launching a new fragrance line. METRO WORLD NEWS

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Sweat and sand

It's easy to see why Huntington Beach is known as Surf City USA. Wet suit-clad pedestrians — surfboards tucked under their arms — are as common a site as shopping bags and Starbucks coffee cups. A four-block radius located on the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and Main Street sets the scene for this city, but there are nearly 13 kilometres of sand to play in.

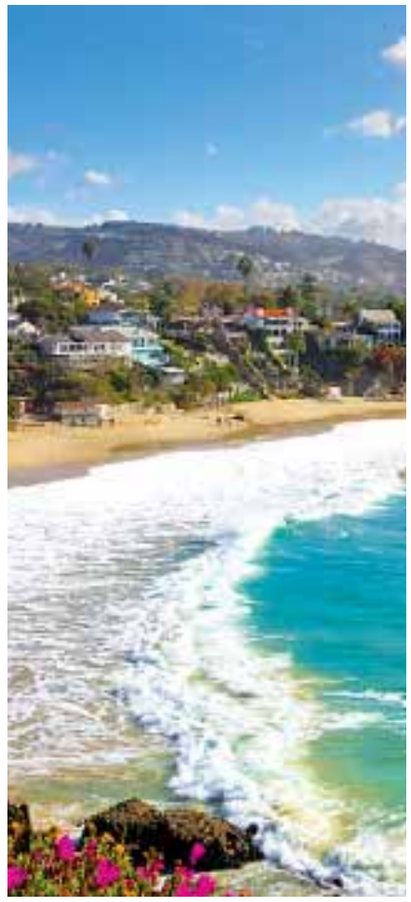
Start your day with breakfast at Michelle's Sugar Shack Café (hbsugarshack.com) on Main Street, before heading to the International Surfing Museum (surfingmuseum.org). It opens according to surf time. Translation? That's 11 a.m. or noon, unless wave conditions are too good to ignore. If it's closed you can still check out the names of those honoured along the Surfing Walk of Fame at Main and the PCH, including musician Dick Dale for adding to board culture.

Spend your afternoon playing beach volleyball or catching waves along the beach. Stroll along the historic Huntington Beach pier that juts into the Pacific. At its end is Ruby's Diner, a 1950s-inspired local restaurant chain. Before nightfall, stake out one of the fire pits located on the beach for an evening spent sitting on the sand and listening to the surf break on the shore (huntingtonbeachca.gov).

Shop and sip

Located south of Huntington along the PCH are Newport Beach and artsy Laguna Beach. While Fashion Island (shopfashionisland.com) is home to big brand stores, Laguna's downtown features a number of smaller shops, showcasing local artists and handcrafted goods, all set against a backdrop of green hills (lagunabeachinfo.com).

No afternoon is complete without sipping a cool cocktail at The Cliff (thecliffrestaurant.com). Offering a 180-degree view of the ocean, you can sit on the patio and watch sunning locals on the beach metres below, or scan the big blue for passing whales. You can also grab a cool authentic treat at Gelato Paradiso (gelatoparadiso.net) in Peppertree Lane and take a stroll in Heisler Park located high on the bluffs above the Pacific. The popular Las Brisas (lasbrisaslagunabeach.com), with its beckoning margaritas menu, offers a fusion of Californian and traditional Mexican cuisine, with fresh seafood offered each day. The building the restaurant is located in started life as the Victor Hugo Inn in the 1930s, before being converted in the late 1970s.



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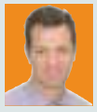
Sea and sanctuary

Located at the southern end of the O.C., Dana Point is a nature-lovers paradise. With a number of migration routes passing by, whale watching is on order. Dana Wharf (danawharf.com) has a fleet of 12 vessels that often encounter sea lions, blue and grey whales and even the occasional mega-pod of a few thousand dolphins swimming in unison and playing in the wake of the boats.

Exhausted after a day at sea? Pamper yourself at The Ritz Carlton, Laguna Niguel (ritzcarlton.com/lagunaniguel). The hotel is located 150-feet above Salt Creek Beach and offers stunning coastal views. You can take them in while sipping wine on the 180blü patio — a perfect sunset spot — or enjoying a well-deserved yummy meal at Raya, with its Latin-inspired menu of sustainable seafood, local produce and organic meat created by Chef Richard Sandoval. Spend an afternoon walking through the grounds of the hotel, and feeding the rabbits that hop around the property. Use the Ritz's beach butler service to be carted down in a buggy from the resort to the beach below. They will set up chairs and umbrellas, provide recreational equipment, and even build you a sandcastle to enjoy.

Travel tips

Metro's guide to travel guide books



ON THE MOVE
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Nothing beats a good guidebook. Despite the incredible amount of information available online, there is something comforting about not having to rely on the world of Internet connectivity and power outlets when you are travelling. Here are a few titles worth packing:

Originally written for backpackers and bohemians, Lonely Planet now offers suggested itineraries for more up-scale travellers with their Discover series books. Think boutique hotels and bed and breakfasts versus hostels. The If You Like tips suggest lesser known alternatives to major sites. In the Netherlands for example, if you like the Rijksmuseum, they suggest adding the Groninger Museum or Kroller-Muller Museum to your plans.

The Rough Guides are great for travellers wanting to reduce their carbon footprint. They make a point of offering green alternatives to everything from accommodations to local tour operators. The destination listings offer a good variety of bars, restaurants and attractions.

Where to Go When, by Eyewitness Travel Guides, is for people who are planning their holiday based on when they are able to travel versus having a specific destination in mind. Think teachers on March Break or newlyweds looking for the best honeymoon destination. There are more than 300 seasonal recommendations for destinations that are at their best during different months of the year.

Time Out books offer top 10 lists for culture vultures who want to get beyond the best known highlights. Using a list of recommendations to plan your days is an especially great way of giving a short trip some focus.

My cousin and his young family have been to Disney World three times and live by Beth Haworth's The Insider's Ultimate Guide to Disney. If offers tips to beat the crowds, save money and make the most out of your theme park experience. Apparently Sunday is the worst day to go to Magic Kingdom and Monday is the best. You will have to pick up a copy to find out why!

The Magic Kingdom. LOIMERE/FLICKR

Water puts damper on our naval past

Halifax. A reminder of Canada's role in WWII is threatened by the passage of time

Floating on the Halifax harbour is a living naval time capsule — a window into one of Canada's great contributions to the Allied cause during the Second World War.

HMCS Sackville is Canada's last corvette and now serves as a floating museum in the harbour's salt-kissed air, generations removed from when it protected merchant ships from German submarines in the North Atlantic. During the summer, the 71-year-old flower-class corvette is berthed at Sackville Landing, where anywhere from 6,000 to 10,000 people stop by to tour the ship, now preserved by the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust.

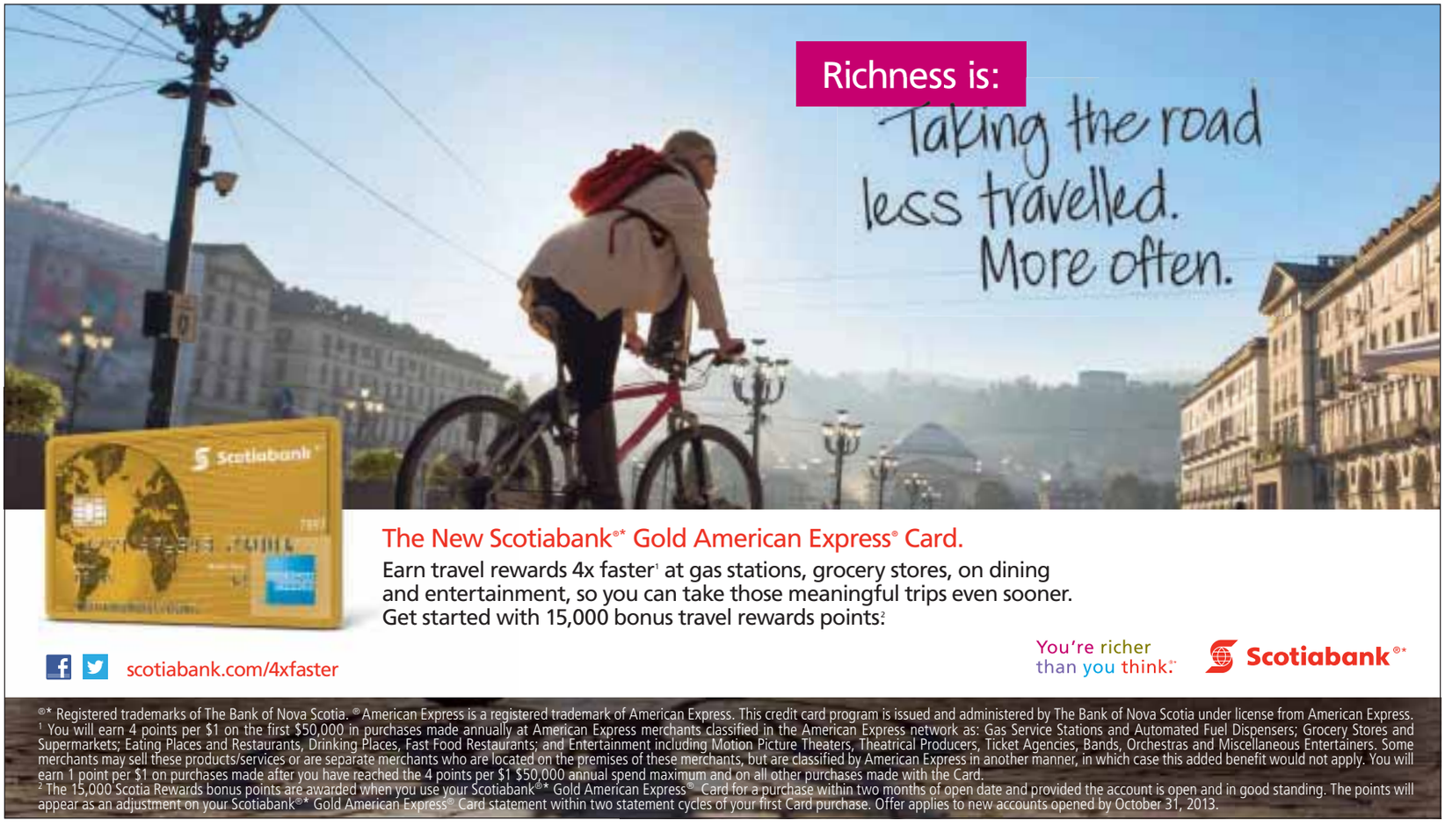
Sackville has even hosted royalty, as Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh visited the ship during the International Fleet Review in Halifax in June 2010.

Inside the HMCS Sackville visitors are given a glimpse of sailor life.

The corvettes made their reputation shepherding vulnerable merchant ships carrying food and vital supplies to Great Britain through waters infested with German U-boats. Winning the Battle of the Atlantic was vital to the Allies' victory in the Second World War.

Visitors who come aboard Sackville catch a glimpse into those tumultuous times. Several mannequins are propped up at a picnic table to showcase the life of a Canadian sailor.

The ship became Canada's naval memorial in 1985. It's freshwater that is threatening Sackville's preservation and has sparked a multimillion dollar effort to build a permanent structure around the ship. "The real danger is from freshwater — from inside humidity, from rain water that seeps in," says George Borgal. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Tuna Niçoise grows up on the grill

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There's nothing tastier than a Niçoise salad made with freshly seared tuna. The trick to properly searing tuna is to cook it on high heat for the time specified — and no more.

If you're not going to eat immediately, place it in the refrigerator to stop the cooking process, otherwise the tuna will be overcooked.

1. Boil the potatoes until tender, approximately 15 minutes. Drain, cool and dice. Place in a serving bowl. Add the steamed beans, cucumber, tomatoes, onion, olives and dill.

2. To make the dressing, stir the olive oil, lemon juice, anchovies, garlic, mustard, salt and pepper together until well mixed. Pour over the potato mixture. Place three-quarters of the potato mixture on a serving platter, leaving the remainder for garnish.

3. Heat a non-stick grill pan or barbecue to high and grill the tuna for approximately 1 1/2 minutes per side for seared, or until done to your preference, but do not overcook. Place the tuna, either whole or sliced, over the potato mixture and scatter the reserved mixture overtop or along the side.

ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN

Ingredients

- 2 small red potatoes
- 1 cup green beans, trimmed, steamed, rinsed with cold water and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup diced cucumber
- 1/2 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1/3 cup diced red onion
- 1/4 cup sliced black olives
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh dill
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 4 anchovies, minced
- 1 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- pinch salt and black pepper
- 1 lb raw tuna

Grilled Tuna Niçoise

This recipe serves four and each serving contains 353 calories and 10 g fat. LORELLA VANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Drink of the Week

Spring Lemonade

Celebrate the warmer season with this zesty crowd-pleaser.

Glass
- 45 ml Belvedere Vodka
- Handful fresh mint
- Fever Tree Lemonade

Place vodka and mint into a highball, press down and top with cubed ice. Top with Fever Tree Lemonade. Garnish with a grapefruit wedge and fresh mint.

Pitcher
- 375 ml Belvedere Vodka
- 2 handfuls fresh mint
- 600 ml Fever Tree Lemonade.

Add all ingredients to a pitcher over ice and garnish with mint and grapefruit wheels.

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Lunch. Grilled Shrimp and Watermelon Salad

This recipe serves four. NEWS CANADA

For a quick and easy side dish or meal idea, try this salad that is bursting with exotic flavours.

Salty feta is the perfect balance for sweet, crunchy watermelon, and when paired with marinated grilled shrimp, it makes a gorgeous meal.

1. Place shrimp in shallow dish. Pour 1/2 cup (125 ml) Thai chili sauce over shrimp, turning so that all are well coated. Cover and marinate at room temperature for 30 minutes. Reserving sauce from dish, thread shrimp onto 4 skewers.

Ingredients

- 1 lb (500 g) jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) VH sweet Thai chili sauce
- Pam Grilling Spray
- 2 cups (500 ml) cubed watermelon
- 1-1/2 cups (375 ml) croutons
- 1 cup (250 ml) halved grape tomatoes
- 1 cup (250 ml) basil leaves
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) crumbled feta cheese
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) lemon juice
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) olive oil
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) black pepper

3. Spray grill with Pam Grilling; heat to medium-high heat. Grill skewers, basting with reserved sauce during first 5 minutes only, until shrimp are opaque, approximately 10 minutes.

4. Meanwhile, in serving bowl, toss watermelon, croutons, tomatoes, basil and feta cheese.

5. In separate small bowl, whisk remaining Thai chili sauce, lemon juice, olive oil and pepper.

6. Remove shrimp from skewers. Arrange on top of salad. Drizzle about 3 tbsp of vinaigrette over salad, tossing gently. Serve with remaining vinaigrette on the side.

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Paying the bills while curing the ills

Making change. How to impact the world while still keeping cash in your pocket

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You want to make an impact, but you also have school debt, rent and car insurance to pay for, among other expenses. Your parents want you to find a stable job, one that comes with vacation pay and benefits.

The job market is competitive and your priorities seem to be competing with one another as well. When applying for your next job, it doesn't have to be an either/or decision. The application process, when seeking employment, expects students and recent graduates to choose between the for-profit and not-for-profit sector. When applying for jobs, you have to consider your commitments, financial goals and also what your personal goals are.

How do you balance all three and find a career path that fits who you are as opposed to trying to fit into a pre-existing box that may come at the expense of what you want to achieve?

A trying trinity

"When applying for jobs, you have to consider your commitments, financial goals and also what your personal goals are."
Rumeet Billan

Traditionally, Canadians have ranked corporations as high in profit potential and low on the social impact scale. Although more organizations are incorporating social responsibility within their mandates, the bottom line is still profit.

Not-for-profit organizations rank high on their social impact and relatively low in profit potential, often dependent on grants, donors and volunteers. The line-up for a promotion at an established not-for-profit is long and also requires years of experience.

Torn between priorities? As companies become more interested in making positive changes to the world, you may not have to make the choice. ISTOCK

There are assumptions that students and new grads often make about both sectors, and — whether right or wrong — this influences where you consider applying and also the direction of your career path. Some find their way, and some are left feeling jaded and stuck.

In both sectors, how many people do you know who are not satisfied with what they are doing, but also suggest that they don't have the flexibility to move out of their current role? I can name a few.

If you can't find your place within the two sectors, what you can do is begin thinking beyond the traditional notions of for-profit and not-for-profit and consider the emergence of social enterprises.

The rise of a third sector, the social sector, merges the traditional concepts and has left social entrepreneurs with a desire to not only make a profit, but also incorporate a social mission within their business models. Incubators, conferences and showcases are popping up and may help to spark an idea, or introduce you to a new network of organizations that are working towards both profit and social impact.

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For those in the education stream, it's no secret that this is a tough job market to break into — it can take years to find full-time employment.

Gaining experience in your field early on is an excellent way to narrow down what you actually want to do and become more marketable to employers.

Student Heather Galloway decided to advance her career while simultaneously saving up rent money in her search for summer jobs. A teacher's college student at Nipissing University, Galloway got a summer job a few years ago as a camp counsellor at the YMCA. The following year she returned as an inclusion counsellor, working with kids who have developmental issues. Both of these positions taught her the importance of being able to think on your feet and adapt to changing situations — a vital lesson for every aspiring teacher! Working two summers in a camp setting helped her get another job last summer: site supervisor for the JK/SK before and after school program at an elementary school.

"I'm learning more about different age groups, because my teaching degree focused on Grades 4 to 10," Heather said. "It's been great opening myself up to new experiences and grade levels."

She says she initially searched for camp jobs to beef up her resumé, but she "continued to work for them because it is just so much more fun than sitting in an office all summer."

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NHL

Ailing Pens clinch Atlantic in Carolina

Beau Bennett and Evgeni Malkin scored 13 seconds apart in the third period and the Pittsburgh Penguins clinched the Atlantic Division title by beating the free-falling Carolina Hurricanes 5-3 on Tuesday night.

Brenden Morrow scored his first goal with the Penguins, Robert Bortuzzo added a goal, and Pascal Dupuis had an empty-netter and two assists.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 25 saves for the Penguins, who were without captain Sidney Crosby, James Neal and Kris Letang.

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Penguins goalie Mark-Andre Fleury makes a save on Tuesday in Raleigh, N.C. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Jeter continues path towards Yankees return

Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter ran on a field for the first time in several weeks, his biggest steps yet in his comeback from injury.

Manager Joe Girardi said Jeter did some sprints, took grounders and hit indoors at the team's training complex in Tampa, Fla.

Jeter hasn't played since March 23, when his left ankle bothered him while running. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brianna Decker of Team USA shoots the puck past Shannon Szabados of Team Canada during the IIHF women's world championship gold-medal game on Tuesday night at Scotiabank Place in Ottawa. RICHARD WOLOWICZ/FREESTYLE PHOTOGRAPHY/GETTY IMAGES

Kessel helps reclaim gold for Americans

Women's world championship. Sister of Leafs sniper caps off U.S. victory in Ottawa

The United States reclaimed the women's world hockey championship with a 3-2 win over Canada on Tuesday night.

The Americans have won four of the last five world women's titles.

Amanda Kessel roofed the winner on a 2-on-1 break at 3:09 of the third period. Canada pulled goaltender Shannon Szabados in the final seconds but couldn't get the equalizer with the extra attacker.

Gold-medal game

U.S.	Canada
3	2

The Canadians defeated the U.S. in overtime for gold in Burlington, Vt., last year and the U.S. turned the tables in 2013.

Brianna Decker and Megan Bozek also scored for the U.S., while goaltender Jessie Vetter needed to make only 14 saves for the win. Kendall Coyne added two assists.

Courtney Birchard and Caroline Ouellette replied for Canada in front of 13,776 at Scotiabank Place. Szabados was the busier goalie, stopping 27 of 30 shots in the loss.

Marie-Philip Poulin had two assists and led the tournament in scoring with six goals and six assists in five games. The 22-year-old from Beauceville, Que., was named the tournament's most valuable player and top forward.

Since Canada's 2-0 win over the U.S. to win Olympic gold in 2010, the teams have gone 8-8 against one another, with nine of those games decided by one goal.

The two countries have met in the finals of all 15 world championships held since 1990. Canada has won 10 times, but this was the fifth title for the Americans.

The two countries will face each other at least half a dozen times next winter when both teams are training full-time for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jays' struggles 'hard to believe' for Reyes

Blue Jays shortstop Jose Reyes scores from second on a single by Melky Cabrera on Tuesday in Detroit. LEON HALIP/GETTY IMAGES

This isn't the way Jose Reyes and the Toronto Blue Jays hoped to begin their season.

The Blue Jays, who spent millions during the winter to upgrade their roster, lost to Miguel Cabrera and the Detroit Tigers 7-3 Tuesday.

At 2-5, Toronto is off to its worst start since 2004.

"It's still early. But if you're going to win at this level, you've got to play good baseball," Toronto manager John Gibbons said.

Two of those off-season acquisitions were productive in the last loss.

On Tuesday

Tigers	Blue Jays
7	3

Melky Cabrera had three hits and his first RBI for the Blue Jays, and moved past 1,000 career hits. Reyes had two hits, scored a run and drove in one.

"It's only seven games, but in August or September we're playing like this, it's kind of hard to believe," Reyes said. "We're not relaxing at all. We're disappointed in the way we've played."

Colby Rasmus hit his third home run in the Toronto ninth.

Brandon Morrow (0-1) gave up five runs and nine hits in 3 2/3 innings.

"Just didn't make a pitch when I needed to," Morrow said. "Probably, that was the story of the game."

Miguel Cabrera hit first homer of the year and drove in four runs, left fielder Don Kelly made a home-run-robbing catch and the Tigers pulled away.

Cabrera, coming off his Triple Crown season, had four hits and scored three times.

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4 SPORTS

DRIVE 5

Platform sharing creates siblings under the skin

Driving Force. Engineers later "tune" suspensions to fit each model

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The basis of any vehicle is its platform, but the concept has changed over the years. At one time, it meant the solid frame upon which the body was bolted.

While most trucks are still built this way, the majority of cars, crossovers and SUVs use a unitized construction design that incorporates the body and chassis, and "platform" is used to describe their undercarriage engineering and assembly.

"The platform is modular building blocks, the parts underneath the car that most people don't typically see," says Orth Hedrick, director of product planning for Kia Motors America. "The geometry is critical, and it's designed around the distance between the wheels and all that attaches to the suspension of the car. These components are part of the platform."

Within an automaker's lineup, two or more vehicles may share the same platform.

This doesn't mean they're identical underneath, but that they share common components, such as with Kia's Forte and upcoming redesigned Soul.

"The suspension could be common between the two, but because (one is) wider, the sheet metal that 'stitches' the parts together changes," Hedrick says.

"Rather than completely redo an entirely new suspension, which is tens of millions of dollars, and it performs the same function on a car that's relatively the same size, why not use it on the same vehicle?

"It's like Costco buying in bulk. If you can 'commonalize' parts that are underneath the car, your costs go down, and you can spend the money in exterior and interior (design) and features," Hedrick adds.

The cost isn't just in the parts themselves, but in initially creating them, since many suspension components are stamped out in enormous, expensive dies, or welded together by robots. If a part can be used over several models, it reduces the cost of creating a die or adding more robots to the assembly line to make individual parts for each vehicle line.

Once the suspension is designed, engineers will also "tune" it to each model, creating the specific ride and handling characteristics that drivers will expect from it. A luxury car will have softer springs and rubber bushings to give it a smoother, more comfortable ride, while a sportier model will have stiffer ones to create its more muscular characteristics.

Other factors

- Common parts across several models can also include engines, transmissions, and interior switches and controls.

Kia's Forte shares many common components with the Soul, pictured here. JIL MCINTOSH/METRO

Vroom vroom just won't cut it anymore

Autopilot. BMW reveals a new signature sound, but it's not for every automaker out there

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BMW recently switched up its "double gong" audio logo to a new one characterized as a "dynamic melody." Pictured is BMW's X4 Concept. CONTRIBUTED

Through the years many sounds have been associated with, and emanated from, automobiles.

To cite a few: the howl of an engine in anger; the bark of an unrestricted exhaust; the screech of tires desperately trying to find grip; the cursing and horn blowing induced by having to share the road with moronic motorists; the gluck-gluck of a kid throwing up in her child seat.

One of the newer automotive sounds is the "sound trademark." A lot of these signature sounds typically end a radio or TV spot, like those quick electronic notes that say "Intel." They're an audio equivalent of a visual logo, if you will.

On the automotive scene, BMW has been the most active "audio logo" practitioner. Its "double gong" logo sound has been around for 14 years. But a couple of weeks ago, BMW revealed a new audio calling card destined to replace the double-gong.

I've listened to this new sound several times and find it hard to describe.

This is how a BMW press release describes it: "Reverse technology is used to play sound elements forward and backwards in a way that symbolizes flexible mobility. The melody is introduced by a rising, resonant sound and underscored by two distinctive bass tones that form the sound logo's melodic and rhythmic basis. The sounds build toward a shimmering, sophisticated finish. This combination of different elements represents the joy of progress, of dynamism, and Sheer Driving Pleasure."

The description begs two pertinent questions… "Huh?"

And, "You can accomplish all that (whatever that is) in less than two seconds of sound?"

Frankly, I prefer the old double-gong and/or Audi's audio logo, which is comprised of a couple of quick and amped up "heart beats."

A few years ago Mercedes-Benz tried a "choir boy" sound logo, then dropped it and never replaced it.

Harley-Davidson tried for years to trademark the sound of its V-twin engines, but eventually gave up after deciding it wasn't worth spending more money with no end in sight.

So it doesn't seem to be for everyone. I don't foresee a time when all automakers will have an audio logo, but you never know.

Apparently note sequences work well as audio logos because once they become familiar, you only have to hear a couple of the notes before your brain wants/needs to finish the sequence. Like McDonald's "Bah dah bah bah bah … I'm loving it."

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Identify your priorities and focus on them to the exclusion of everything else. You know what must be done and you know that now is the best time to do it. The new moon will help you make it look easy.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Your dreams can and will come true and you must believe that. The mind is a powerful tool and if there is even a glimmer of doubt, you will set up obstacles that need not be there.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Go to places that excite you. Talk with people whose ideas inspire you. Under the influence of today's new moon, you can and you must be as adventurous as possible.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Employers will go out of their way to make life easy for you over the next 24 hours — if they think that is what you need and desire. If you want help, just ask for it.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Let your mind roam wherever it wants to and don't be afraid to think, say and do things that some other people might not approve of. You're at your best when rocking the boat.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Sometimes it is better to tell a friend a painful truth than a comfortable lie and that is the situation you are in at the moment. Let them know how you see their situation. They need your clear-headed input.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You must make an effort to communicate with loved ones. Make sure they know exactly what you are thinking. Minor disputes can easily be resolved over the next 24 hours.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Whatever you are currently working on, you must not try to push ahead too fast. Take it a step at a time, even if your progress seems to be slow. You'll get there in the end.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Say what you mean today and don't worry that it might hurt someone's feelings. It's your feelings that count and if the price of happiness is admitting that you no longer get on with someone then so be it.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You know you are right about something but you can't find the evidence that will prove it. How frustrating. Maybe it's because you are looking too hard. Maybe you should back off a little, for now.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may have high standards but not everyone has what it takes to live up to them. And why should they anyway if they don't share your measuring stick? It takes all sorts to make a world.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your current task may seem too big for you but the planets indicate you have what it takes to push through. Today's new moon will boost your self-belief. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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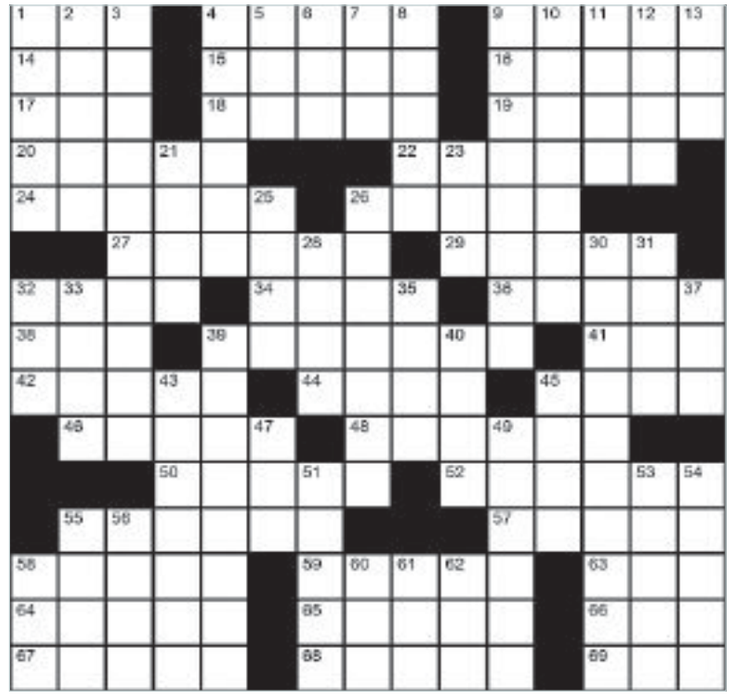
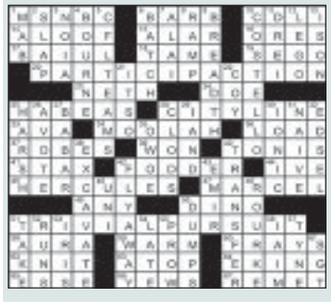


Across
1. Belonging to Ottawa's li'l province
4. Bay of __
9. Verse form of Japan
14. Toll hwy.
15. Actress Ms. Linney
16. Feminine suffix [pl.]
17. "Watch it!"
18. Tweak
19. Ms. Hayworth's
20. __ salts
22. American inventor, Thomas __
24. Canadian actress Ms. McAdams
26. Guitar bars
27. More pink
29. Adam of the Beastie Boys
32. Mount Rushmore state, _. __.
34. Deuces
36. Shaped like Earth
38. Hint
39. Shirt: French
41. Bread type
42. __-Roman wrestling
44. Scarce
45. Capricornanimal
46. Piece of land
48. Berlin's language
50. Providence, __ Island
52. Non-animal products eaters/users
55. Menu's main course
57. Official-sounding language
58. Director Ms. Coppola
59. "Call Me __" by Carly Rae Jepsen
63. "What's Love Got to Do with It" (1993) character
64. Tim of "Home Improvement"
65. Opera classic: "_ __ Mio"
66. River to the Volga
67. San Diego baseball player
68. 'Astro' suffix (Chris Hadfield, and others)
69. 'Neat' suffix (Really tidy person)

Down
1. Questionnaire choice
2. Hip Hop group, Salt-_-__
3. First Canadian Place (In Toronto, it's Canada's tallest one)
4. Calgary hockey players
5. 'Concept' completer
6. Almond, for one
7. Eminem's mentoring Dr.
8. More shipshape
9. James Moore, Canadian __ Minister
10. Under debate: 2 wds.
11. "Leave __ __ Beaver"
12. Surname of Shakespearean actor of yore Edmund
13. _.-._. Enterprise
21. "__, _ _." (That's fine then)
23. Susan of "The Partridge Family"
25. Baltic country, for short
26. Cheese: French
28. Pitcher
30. British soap on the CBC, "__ Street"
31. "Howdy!": 2 wds.
32. Like some silver, for short
33. Soil
35. King's title of address
37. Sleuth, for short
39. "No Regrets" singer Tom
40. 'S' of EMS, for short
43. Explorer, Jacques __ (b.1491 - d.1557)
45. Lady of music
47. Shoe part
49. Fights
51. Devil
53. Ms. Blonsky of "Hairspray" (2007)
54. __ preview
55. Lake __ Park in Orlando, Florida
56. Li'l East Coast locale
58. Maple syrup origin
60. __ matter of fact: 2 wds.
61. Not me
62. Caf' serving

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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8								5
		2				6		
5	7		2		3		8	1
				7				
1	2		9		4		7	6
		3				5		
7								9
	8		4	9	2		1	

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	3	2	1	6	9	4	7	8
8	4	6	3	5	7	2	1	9
1	7	9	8	4	2	5	3	6
3	1	8	2	7	4	6	9	5
9	6	4	5	3	1	8	2	7
7	2	5	9	8	6	3	4	1
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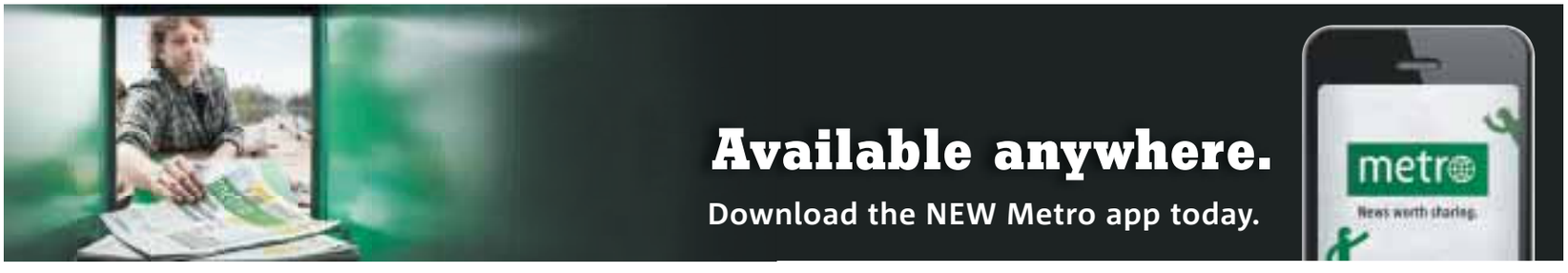

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